GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Girls Admitted to IITs
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the percentage of girls getting admitted in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is very low;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the reasons of low percentage of girls in admission to IITs; and
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage girls for admission in IITs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d) : Out of 2264 female candidates who were allotted seats in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in 2016, 848 joined IITs. In 2017, 1006 girls have been allotted seats in IITs out of a total of 10,988. The reasons for low enrolment are societal biases and non-availability of educational facilities in rural areas and smaller cities. With a view to improving female enrolment in the B.Tech. Programmes in IITs, a Committee under the chairmanship of Director, IIT-Mandi was constituted by the Joint Admission Board (JAB) to suggest suitable measures. The recommendations of the Committee were considered by the IIT Council in its 51st meeting held on 28.04.2017 and decided to increase female enrolment from the current 8% to 14% in 2018-19, 17% in 2019-20 and 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats.
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